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# AUTUMN 2023 NEWSLETTER

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## Seagles

A Newsletter of the BC Club of Cape Cod

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Dear Fellow BC Alum,

Autumn on the Cape! Tourists have headed off Cape; tart Macintosh apples are plentiful at roadside stands, and the air is crisp and clean. We local residents know that fall is the best season on the Cape and thoroughly enjoy the autumnal festivities across the peninsula and islands, especially when shared with longtime BC friends!

September was a busy month for the Club. We held our annual Golf Tournament, fielding 70 alumni golfers who played in support of Cape veterans. We also held our first annual "Eaglefest" at Barnstable Brewing, a BC-family owned brewery that features such amazing brews such as Jesuit Juice! It was so much fun that there is a call to hold it semi-annually!

Sadly, due to the expense of transportation, we had to cancel the trip to the Heights. However, BC's Alumni Association was so enthused about our planned event that it is organizing it for all alumni. For Cape alum who are willing to make their own transportation arrangements, you will be able to register on the BC Alumni Association website. More information will be provided as details are finalized.

AND, Edu-Events continue on the Cape! In preparation for Thanksgiving, BCCCC will hold a seminar on "Pilgrims, Puritans, and Patriots" at the Sturgis Library in Barnstable in early November. BC Professor Christopher Hannon will share stories of the early Mass settlers.

Finally, I'm delighted to announce that membership continues to increase. As of September 1, we've grown by more than a third this year! This level of support allowed us to provide two Cape students with scholarships to our alma mater this year. Thank you!

Regards,

Bob Connor, CSOM 1973, President, BC Club of Cape Cod

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### OCTOBER

10/10: BC Veterans Alumni Network presents: A History of Women in the Military, 7:00-8:00 pm (virtual). For info: [Women in the Military](#)

#### NOVEMBER

TBD: Pilgrims, Puritans and Patriots: a BCCCC Edu-Event at Sturgis Library, Barnstable.

#### DECEMBER

12/3: Christmas Party at Hyannis Yacht Club

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### BECOME A MEMBER

The purpose of the Club is to promote fellowship among alumni, parents and friends of Boston College and support charitable organizations across the Cape and Islands.

To join go to [bcclubofcape.cod.com](http://bcclubofcape.cod.com) and click "membership."

## BC: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

### COMING SOON!

BCCCC organized a novel edu-event for alumni to provide an opportunity to return to campus to explore our alma mater's past, present and future. Since the 1970s, many new buildings dot the landscape (from Stokes Hall on the site of the Dust Bowl to 245 Beacon on the location where Cushing Hall once stood) with more changes yet to come. An alum can proudly walk the grounds and marvel at all the changes and appreciate how they have stayed true to our university's past.

BC's Alumni Association was enthusiastic about the event and asked if we would open it to other alumni chapters. We happily agreed. What better than to fill Gasson Hall with loyal and fervent eagles from across the area?

The event will start with BC Historian James O'Toole (and author of the new BC history, *Ever to Excel*) speaking about the "Ten Things You Don't Know about BC History." Following Dr. O'Toole, the Associate Vice President and head of capital planning, Mary Nardone, will talk about plans for future growth. She'll then provide a guided tour of the main campus.

Interested Cape alumni can register on the BC Alumni Association website. The date and details will be announced soon. Stay tuned!

## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: DEC 3

### Avoid Disappointment: Sign Up Early!

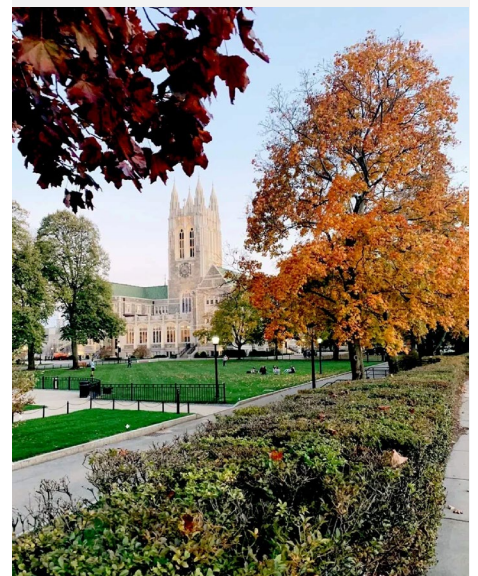
The BCCCC annual Christmas Party at the Hyannis Yacht Club is the most popular Club event of the year and always sells out early. Last year we had a wait list of over 20 alum we were unable to accommodate. Views of the scenic harbor, savory entrees, and engaging bonhomie are hallmarks of this event. [Christmas Party](#)

Register early or risk missing Rosemary Daly's challenging holiday trivia game. She claims last year's posers may have been too easy and is preparing questions bound to stump us all.



## BCCCC EDU-EVENT

### RETURN TO THE HEIGHTS!



## NOVEMBER EDU-EVENT: PILGRIMS, PURITANS AND PATRIOTS

What better location than the Sturgis Library in Barnstable to hold a talk about early Massachusetts colonists?

Sturgis is the oldest building that houses a public library in America. Built in 1644 as the home of Rev. John Lothrop (1584-1653) who was among the first settlers of Barnstable. Sturgis is also known as the oldest structure still standing in the US where religious services were regularly held. Lothrop was a proponent of the idea of the separation of church and state, a heretical idea at the time. Lothrop's descendants include six US presidents including Ulysses S. Grant, Franklin D. Roosevelt and both Presidents Bush. Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney also is a Lothrop descendant.

Boston College Prof. Christopher Hannon will relay stories of the early years of settlement in Massachusetts: from Church of England Separatists who settled in Plymouth to English Puritans who colonized Salem and Boston. These insights will provide you with new tales of Pilgrims and Puritans to share at the Thanksgiving table this November!

The edu-event will be held in early November and a separate email will announce date and time. We hope that many attendees will meet at the Dolphin after the talk for a no host social hour.





## A BC PASSING

The BC family notes the passing of Katherine V. (Walsh) Dunford on September 9, 2023. Mrs. Dunford grew up in South Boston and married Marine Joe Dunford in 1954. She was a member of the BC High Mothers' Guild and actively involved in church and Scouting events. Mrs. Dunford was the mother of our own Mike Dunford (BC 1982 and co-chair of BC's Veterans Alumni Network), General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr, USMC Retired and sons Paul and James. Her brother, the Very Reverend Michael P. Walsh, SJ, was President of Boston College from 1958 to 1968 and was considered "the founder of the modern Boston College," raising BC to the level of a nationally prestigious school.

Condolences to Mike and his family on the passing of his mother.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Sir Alec Guinness, a knight of the British Commonwealth and Academy Award winner, received an honorary degree from Boston College? When ascending the stairs to the commencement platform, BC's class of 1962 rose en masse to whistle the *Colonel Bogey March* from Guinness's signature movie *The Bridge on the River Kwai*. Below, BC President Rev. Michael Walsh, S.J. bestows the honorary degree to Guinness.



"May the Force be with you!"



## Autumn on the Heights: Go Eagles!

